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Polynomial Factoring solution (version 50)

1. The quadratic formula says if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Use the quadratic formula to solve the following equation.

$$x^2 - 10x + 52 = 0$$

Simplify your answer(s) as much as possible.

Solution

$$x = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(1)(52)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{100 - 208}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{-108}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{-36 \cdot 3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{10 \pm 6\sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$x = 5 \pm 3\sqrt{3}i$$

Notice that i is NOT under the square-root radical symbol!!

2. Express the product of $7 + 8i$ and $-4 - 5i$ in standard form $(a + bi)$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} & (7 + 8i) \cdot (-4 - 5i) \\ & -28 - 35i - 32i - 40i^2 \\ & -28 - 35i - 32i + 40 \\ & -28 + 40 - 35i - 32i \\ & 12 - 67i \end{aligned}$$

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3. Write function $f(x) = x^3 + 10x^2 + 19x - 30$ in factored form. I'll give you a hint: one factor is $(x + 5)$.

Solution

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 10 & 19 & -30 \\ -5 & & -5 & -25 & 30 \\ \hline & 1 & 5 & -6 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x + 5)(x^2 + 5x - 6)$$

$$f(x) = (x + 5)(x - 1)(x + 6)$$

4. Polynomial p is defined below in factored form.

$$p(x) = (x + 2)^2 \cdot (x - 3) \cdot (x - 8)$$

Sketch a graph of polynomial $y = p(x)$.

